



Ag, Planning & Environmental Committee

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045

Committee Meeting

<https://www.cortlandcountyny.gov>

~ Minutes ~

Thursday, June 12, 2025

10:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Committee Chair Beau Harbin

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present		
Paul Heider	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present		
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Beau Harbin	Cortland County	Committee Chair	Present		
Ashley Millard	Cortland County	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Present		
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County	Legislator	Present		
Morgan Spaulding	Cortland County	Grants Administrator	Present		
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County BDC	Executive Director	Present		
Christopher Newell	Cortland County	Legislator	Present		
Trisha Hiemstra	Cortland County	Planning Director	Present		
Melissa Potter	Cortland County	Mobility Manager	Present		
Wendy Canfield	Cortland County	County Administrator Executive Assistant	Present		
Kelly Guy	Cornell Cooperative Extension	Executive Director	Present		
Scott Hourigan	Cortland County	GIS Planner	Present		
Kim Cameron	Cortland	Resident	Present		
Carol Costell Corbin	Cortland	Resident	Present		
Nicole Compton	Cortland County	Executive Assistant	Remote		
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County	Director of Finance	Remote		
Amanda Barber	Cortland County Soil and Water District	Director of Soil and Water	Remote	10:05 AM	10:34 AM
Jessica Leet	Cortland County	Executive Administrative Assistant	Remote	10:07 AM	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - May 8, 2025 10:00 AM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Opposing Senate Bill S6530 to Prohibit Permits for New or Expanding Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/26/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Vice-Chair
SECONDER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
AYES:	Eccleston, Heider, McGovern, Prentice, Cleland, Harbin
EXCUSED:	Sandra Price

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

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WHEREAS, Upstate New York is on the receiving end of several new major industries and important economic entities which are centered on dairy production; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Farm Bureau holds all farmers and farm workers to very high standards in matters of public health, workplace safety, and environmental contamination; AND

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WHEREAS, as recently as June 2025, four of these family dairy farms collectively received \$1.2 million dollars in state investment as part of the Dairy Modernization Grant program; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has experienced devastating losses in the number of dairy farms operating within its borders as a result of rising national costs in fertilizers, feed, labor, regulations, and other pressures; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature joins with the New York State Farm Bureau and the Northeast Dairy Producers' Association in expressing its opposition to Senate Bill S6530, which would introduce an arbitrary statewide limit of seven-hundred cows per farm; AND BE IT FURTHER

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EXCUSED:	Sandra Price

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MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Cornell Cooperative Extension Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Planning Department Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 10:58 AM



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Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County	Legislator	Present		10:05 AM
Lillian Jensen	Cortland County	Mobility Coordinator	Present		
Travis Glaizer	National Grid	Manager of External Affairs	Present		
Vicky Homer	National Grid	Consumer Advocate	Present		
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Jessica Leet	Cortland County	Planning Executive Administrative Assistant	Remote		10:50 AM
Kim Cameron	Cortland	Resident	Present		
Amanda Barber	Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District	District Manager	Present		

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 8, 2025 10:00 AM (MINUTES)

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Apr 10, 2025 10:00 AM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Appoint Member - Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/22/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	William McGovern, Committee Member
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ON MOTION OF HARBIN**RESOLUTION NO.****Appoint Member - Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors**

WHEREAS, according to the Soil and Water Conservation District Law as passed by the legislature of the State of New York, "When a county has been declared a soil and water conservation district, a board of directors consisting of five members shall be appointed by the county board. This board of directors shall consist of two members of the county board and three persons not members of the county board... two of whom shall be practical farmers. One of these farmers shall be appointed from a list submitted by the county grange, one of these farmers shall be appointed from a list submitted by the county farm bureau."; AND

WHEREAS, the terms of members is one year for Legislative Representatives and three years for other members of the Board; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following is and hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors:

Name	Address	Capacity	Term Expiration
Timothy Elliott	1272 Texas Valley Road Marathon, NY 13803	Farm Bureau Representative	12/31/27

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1. SWCD Monthly Update

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. CCE Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Planning Department Monthly Report

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. National Grid Discussion with Travis Glazier

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County

Kelly Guy: Executive Director

Highlights:

- Walked 4-H Camp Owahta with CCE Camp Administrator May 12th
- Master Gardner Plant Sale May 14th
- Mental Health Walk table event May 15th
- 4-H Camp Owahta Lunch and Bake Sale May 17th
- Fairgrounds Board Meeting May 20th
- 4-H Foundation Board Meeting May 20th
- Staff Meeting May 21st
- Legislative Board Meeting 4-H Presentation May 22nd
- 1890 House would like to collaborate with MGVS
- CNY Living History Center would like to feature 4-H History
- Cortland Health Department Youth collaborations with 4-H
- Flyers have been distributed to local companies and school districts, ad in Cortland Newspaper
- SUNY Cortland Envirothon May 28th
- Holstein Fesko Farm Dairy Bowl Practice June 1st
- Dairy Parade June 3rd
- Dairy Day Breakfast June 3rd
- LEPC Meeting June 6th
- Cortland Water Festival June 7th

On the Horizon:

Youth Health and Wellness Committee Meeting June 14th, Lake George Executive Leadership Conference June 15-18, 4-H JR County Fair: I will be staying on site for the week

South Central Dairy and Field Crop Program

Janice Degni: Regional Field Crops Specialist

Betsy Hicks: Regional Dairy Specialist

Highlights:

- Using models for hands-on activities, youth learn to care for dairy animals. Engaging youth in animal care and providing safe, hands-on learning is key to the dairy industry's future.
- Calf care, injection, and calving models purchased by regional teams were available throughout winter and spring 2025. These were used across the SCNY region with 4-H and other youth in several counties.
- In Cortland, training included "Birtha," a life-size cow torso that can "give birth" to a model calf. Youth learned delivery positions, methods to assist births, and for older participants, how to adjust a mispositioned calf.

On the Horizon:

Applied Research on-farm, soil testing, crop testing.

Camp Owahta

Kara McQuaid: Camp Director

Highlights:

- We are at 261 camper signups
- All staff members hired, including a new Camp Cook and a Full-time Maintenance/Caretaker
- The Waterfront Director position is filled with the waterfront open
- Open house on June 21st
- Campers will be attending the Jr Fair this year

On the Horizon:

- Staff Training Week June 30-July 5. Campers begin July 6th
- DOH meetings and paperwork are underway

Agricultural Team

Chelsea Jones: Agricultural Team Leader

Highlights:

- Master Gardener Volunteers' Annual plant sale was May 14th, profit of \$1,772.00, Perennial Sale is at the Fairgrounds on June 14th
- Monthly meeting Friday, June 13th
- There will be three volunteers presenting at Cortland CountryMax on Saturday, June 21st. They will be teaching about soils, container gardening, and Dahlias
- Ag-Stravaganza was June 4th and 5th with 341 4th grade students from Homer, Marathon, McGraw, Smith (Cortland) and St Mary's attended over the two days
- Stations topics include apples, beef, dairy, equine, field crops, goats and sheep, nutrition, poultry, soils, vegetables
- EZ Acres Dairy Farm Tour is June 11 and 12th 342 5th grade students from Homer, Randall (Cortland) and Marathon
- On-farm station stops include milking parlor, free stall, hoof trimmer, calves, heifers, manure storage/environmental stewardship, equipment, hospital/maternity, and cattle nutrition

On the Horizon:

- Preparing for the Cortland County Jr Fair, July 8-12th, please come visit!

4- H Team

Rebecca Ireland-Perry: 4-H Team Leader

Highlights:

- 4-H State Dairy Quiz Bowl was held at Cornell in late April, and Cortland 4-H members came in as 7th, 10th and 18th place individuals at the senior level and the 3rd place team. Our 7th place individual has been selected to go on to the national competition this fall. At the junior level, Cortland 4-H members were the 2nd and 18th place individuals, and part of the 4th place team.
- South Central District 4-H Public Presentations were held in April, with 6 Cortland 4-H members attending. All youth did an outstanding job, and across the group were awarded 2 blue and 4 silver awards.
- May 21 we held our 4-H Heritage Garden Workshop for 14 youth that will be growing herb gardens this year.
- May 30th the regional livestock skill-a-thon was held in Broome County, and we had 2 Cortland 4-H members compete. Each achieved a 6th place individual placing for the junior and senior level.

On the Horizon:

- Most of the month will be spent getting ready for the fair—collecting animal non-ownership and entry paperwork, making sure we have judging sheets and judges available for all project areas in the 4-H building-- all the details of fair!



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SWCD...established to promote the conservation and wise use of our county's natural resources

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT - June

From: Amanda Barber, SWCD Manager

June 5, 2025

AGRICULTURE AND PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION

Agricultural Nonpoint Abatement and Control Program (AGNP) – We continue engineering design work for numerous projects funded in Round 28 and 29. Four projects will be under construction by the end of the month.

We are still waiting for the announcement of awards for Round 30 of the AGNP program.

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) – Round 19 of the AEM Base has been announced and the board will be approving the 2026 Annual Action Plan next week. We have two projects that will be funded with AEM Base support and they are scheduled to start by the end of this month.

Climate Resilient Farming – We continue to work on one Round 7 project design. This stream corridor stabilization project will be starting in July. The NYSDEC permit has finally been approved. Two other ag projects for silage leachate control and irrigation are being designed by a consultant engineer. We expect summer implementation if contractors are still available to do the work.

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Enhanced Nutrient and Methane Management Program (CAFO ENMP) - We have received one contract from the state and expect the other soon. These projects will not be implemented until 2026.

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Ag Program – we are working on data verification for practices submitted to help meet the TMDL. We will be conducting whole farm reviews at eight farms and 2 re-inspections from last year to make sure that the all practices continue to be operated and maintained in a manner that they provide the water quality benefit expected. We will also be reviewing all reported practices on 7 CAFO farms which must be visited at least once 2 yrs. Six other practices including buffers and stream stabilization practices must be inspected. All review results and data reporting must be submitted by June 30th.

COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (LYLPRD) – The aquatic vegetation harvester will be delivered on June 18th and harvesting will begin on the lake. We are collaborating on a sediment study with SUNY Cortland. Sediment traps have been installed in the lake.

The Consolidated Funding Application is open and there are several grants for water quality, environmental, and community infrastructure enhancement projects. We are here to assist communities

with applications for projects where our programs align. Please feel free to get in touch with us to see how we might work together to bring in more state resources for community benefit.

Oneida Lake Watershed - Cortland County SWCD will be working with the SWCDs in Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego County to implement a multi-county, multi-pronged approach to controlling water chestnut in the Oneida Lake and Three Rivers watershed for the benefit of watershed residents and resource users. Water chestnut, *Trapa natans*, is an aggressive invasive aquatic plant found throughout New York State, but is not yet in Cortland County. Water chestnut out-competes native vegetation through exponential growth due to the lack of natural predators and has severely impacted native habitats, fishing access, recreational use. Herbicide treatments and mechanical harvesting in accordance with State permitting requirements, as well as an extensive hand-pulling program consisting of hired interns, volunteer organizations, and other conservation-based agencies will be implemented where it is present. SWCD will utilize social media, printed materials, festivals and events to teach the public how to identify water chestnut, prevent its spread, and assist in management efforts.

Upper Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay Watershed – Work on the culvert replacement and stream corridor stabilization projects at Fish Hill Rd and Irish Hill Rd continues.

Landfill Monitoring – Environmental monitoring at the landfill is scheduled for the next two weeks. SWCD staff will work with the landfill staff to collect samples for the 2nd quarter of 2025. Samples are analyzed at a private lab and results will be compiled and reported by SWCD.

We have reviewed several projects and plans recently for erosion and sediment control and stormwater management in the Town of Cortlandville. Solar development continues in several locations in the county. Staff also attended a county-wide solar discussion a few weeks ago to promote interagency communication regarding solar projects and local code.

We are boat stewarding at Skaneateles, Tully and Little York Lakes.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS

The State Envirothon was May 28 and 29 at SUNY Cortland. The Marathon Team represented Cortland County at the event.

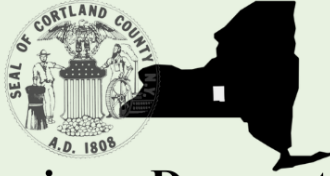
The Water Festival is June 7th at the City Waterworks.

Staff are participating in the AgStravaganza for 4th graders and McMahons EZ Acres school farm tours.

ADMINISTRATION

Our new Conservation Aides and a Conservation Assistant have started work.

ACTIVITY REPORT



Planning Department June 2025

Administration

Education & Outreach

- County-wide Solar Conversation: May 15th, 2025 - Recap
- DOS Brownfield Grant Opportunity
- County Infrastructure Grant Program
- Leadership Cortland Graduation – June 12th
- Marathon NY Forward – LPC Meetings
- CNY Leadership Symposium
- CFA Workshop

Housing Study

- Collecting Data, organizing work group

Regional Partnerships

- *CNY Regional Planning Board*
 - Broadband update
- *Southern Tier 8 Regional Planning Board*
 - Sustainability Group
 - CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy)
 - Housing

Snowmobile Grant

- 2024-2025 Phase 3 – Completed
- 2025-2026 Phase 1 – Completed
- 2025 – 2026 Phase 2 – Deadline September 1st

GIS

Cortland County's ArcGIS Applications	April Total views/usage	May Total views/usage
GIS Portal (Website Hub)	4136	3887
Instant App (Parcel Viewer)	948	1018
Workspace (Parcel Viewer)	793	902
E-911 and Postal Addressing (Website Hub)	72	92
Solar Field Tracking In Cortland County (Web app)	659	108
2025 Cortland Abutter Map (Parcel Viewer Tool)	40	81
Cortland County Allowable Uses Data Explorer (Web App)	37	75
Cortland County-Wide Solar Conversation (Story Map)		30

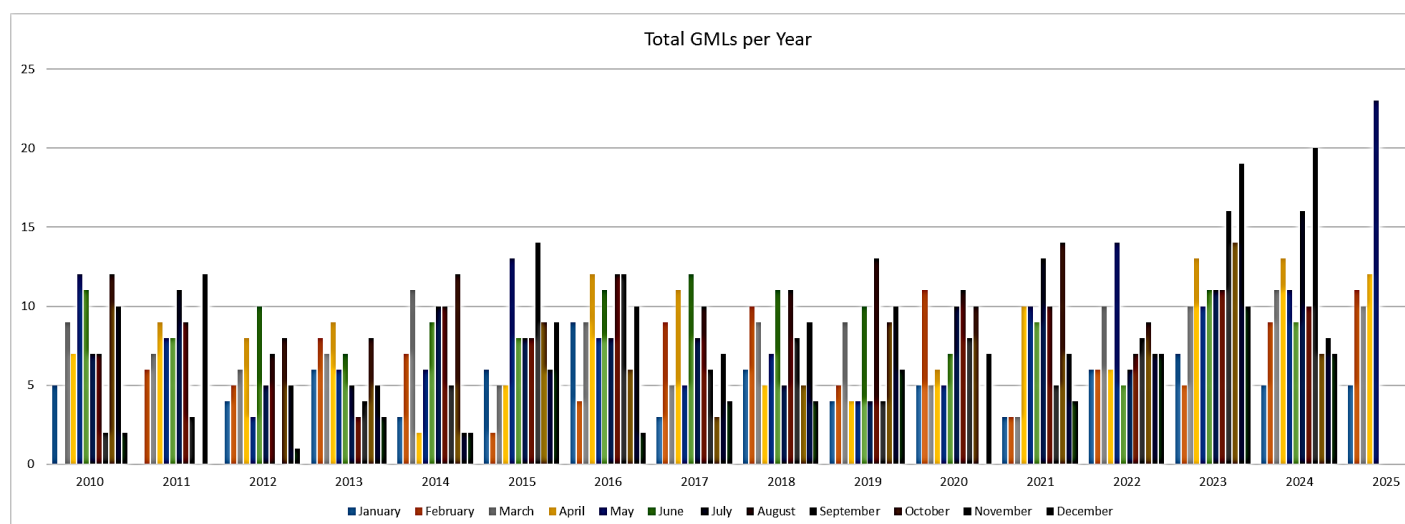
Data & Mapping Projects

- Parcel Fabric –setting up the 2025 parcel fabric in collaboration with the Real Property Department.
- Finalizing an App to be used as a tool for Developers & Economic Growth – zoning district maps with associated allowable uses to support planning and development initiatives.
- Town of Cortlandville Comprehensive Plan Implementation – Provided GIS support to the Implementation Committee, including mapping for proposed Conservation Residential Zoning.
- Updated 2025-2026 County-wide snowmobile Map
- Village of Marathon NY Forward Data Collection & Mapping
- County Health/Mobility Recreation Mapping

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GML 239 Reviews ** 📈 Record Breaking Month! **

- 11 Staff Reports:
 - Town of Virgil – Cortland CSG 4, LLC – Site Plan Review, Special Permit
 - City of Cortland – Vincent Fragnoli– Subdivision/Lot line adjustment
 - City of Cortland – Paul Stewart – Site Plan Review & Area Variances
 - Town of Cortlandville – Andrew Nobles – Use Variance
 - Town of Cincinnatus- Dan Hubbard- Plan Review & Area Variances
 - Town of Homer – Local Law #1 - Zoning Law Amendment - expiration of variances
 - Town of Virgil – Local Law #1 - Zoning Law Amendment - manufactured homes
 - Town of Virgil – Local Law #2 - Zoning Law Amendment - signs
 - Town of Virgil – Local Law #3 Moratorium (Version 1) -Energy Storage Uses
 - Town of Virgil – Local Law #3 Moratorium (Version 2)
 - Energy Production and Storage Uses
- 13 Return Letters for Local Determination



Mobility Management

Centro Operations

- Full, uninterrupted service
- Positive Feedback
- Touch-a-Truck Event

Travel Training

- Facilitated travel training sessions with community members
- Continue to advertise availability of training

TAC - Connectivity Subcommittee

- Coordination with Health Department
- GIS Mapping, Walk Audits and Community Outreach

NADTC Grant Initiatives

- Hosted Community Conversations Events to gather feedback and mobility needs
- April 1st at Access to Independence
- June 17th Age Well Center
- Data Analysis – Survey Results and Focus Group Qualitative Data

Education & Outreach

- Juneteenth Event – Court House Park
- Leadership Cortland Symposium & Graduation
- Presenter - USAging 50th Annual Conference

Additional grant opportunities being pursued

- Transportation Assistance Program - program designed to help individuals access transportation, often by providing financial support or services to cover transportation costs

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